Production of Tobacco

932. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of tobacco produc ed in various States during the last year;

(b) the quantity of tobacco ex ported to foreign countries during the above period;

(c) the amount of foreign exchange earned thereby; and

(d) the names of the countries to which tobacco was exported during 1985?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) A statement showing quantity of Tobacco produced in major Tbbacco producing states during 1984-85 is enclosed. (See *below)*

(b) and (c) According to provisional data available, 74,745 Tonnes of Tobacco valued at Rs. 157.87 crores was exported during 1984-85.

(d) The major countries to which Tobacco was exported during 1985 are USSR. U. K.. France, GDR, Saudi Arabia, Algeria. Statement

Name of State	Quantity ('000 Tonnes)
1. Andhra Pradesh	171·7
2. Bihar	13·4
3. Gujarat	173·5
4. Karnatak	30·5
5. Tamil Nadu	16·7
6. Uttar Pradesh	26·5
7. West Bengal	16·5
ALL INDIA	472·8

Cammon market for South East Asian countries

933. SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there js a proposal to set up a common market for the countries of South East Asia, on the lines of the European Common Mar ket; and

(b) if so, whether any negotiations have been made with the countries concerned and if so, what is the out come thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of Tea

934. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of tea alongwith the value in foreign ex change, exported during 1985 as against the target and how its ex port compares with that of 1984.

(b) to what extent Indian share of tea export was reduced during the last three years as a result oi competitions from China, Sri Lanka, Kenya and Indonesia;

(c) whether! Governmen^ propose to review the existing tea export policy on quota system to maintain its market share, if so, what are the details thereof, and

(d) whether Government have explored the possibility of exporting tea to the markets of Kuwait, Quater and West Asian countries like Saudi Arabia and Iraq?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) Exports of tea during the past two years have been as under:—

Year	Exports	
	Qty. (M. Kgs.)	Value (Rs. Crores
1984 . . .	217.0	740.45
1985 . . . (Estimated)	222.4	711.90

(b) Table below indicates share of major producing countries in world tea exports during 1980 to 1984:—

(Share in world exports of tea—percentage)

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984
India	26.0	28.2	23.2	23.97	23.4
Srilanka	21.4	21.4	22.1	18.1	22.0
China	12.5	10.8	12.9	14.3	13.8
Kenya	8.7	8.8	9.7	11.5	9.8
Indonesia	7.9	8.3	7.8	7.9	9.8

(c) There are, at present, no restrictions on export of tea.

(d) As a part of the strategy for promotion of Indian teas in value added forms, a pilot project for uninational cum brand promotion campaign in ARE, has been sanctioned. Besides, Tea Board also undertakes promotional campaign in West Asian counries through its offices at Kuwai and Cairo,

Imposition of fine on Bank of Madurai for* assisting illegal import of steel

935. SHRl V. GOPALSAMY:

DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA;

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal has imposed a fine on Bank of Madurai for assisting illegal import of steel items by a certain dealer;